

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE
BID FOR PROTECTIVE GEAR, BROWARD COUNTY BID NO. J8FR1024

WHEREAS, the Town is in need of protective gear for fire personnel; and

WHEREAS, the Broward County has solicited sealed bids for such protective gear;
and

WHEREAS, after review, the Town Council wishes to accept the bid awarded by
Broward County to Globe Firefighters Suits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN
OF DAVIE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. The award made by Broward County to Globe Firefighters Suits, for the
supply of protective gear for fire department personnel in the amount of \$61,948.00, is
hereby accepted by the Town Council.

SECTION 2. The Town Council hereby authorizes the expenditure from the Capital
Project Suppression Equipment Account.

SECTION 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and
adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED ____ DAY OF _____, 1999

MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER

Attest:

TOWN CLERK

APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 1999

MEMORANDUM

Fire Department

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Michael Donati, Fire Chief

DATE: February 18, 1999

SUBJECT: Protective Equipment

The Purpose for Purchase:

The present protective clothing the department is utilizing has reached its useful life expectancy and needs to be replaced for the welfare and safety of department personnel.

Method of Procurement:

The new protective clothing is being purchased from an existing bid from Broward County, Florida.

Expenditures/Total Cost:

This purchase is being funded through the department's capital account for a total cost of \$61,948.00

**TOWN OF DAVIE
PROCUREMENT AUTHORIZATION**

<u>Account Number</u> 030-0620-522-6479 ✓	<u>Budget & Description</u> protective equipment	<u>Approximate Cost</u> \$61,948.00
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CAPITAL OUTLAY - SUPPRESSION EQUIPMENT

Method of Procurement (check the one that applies)

☐ Open Competitive Bidding
☒ Piggyback on Contract Number Brow Cnty Bid#J8ER1024
☐ Sole Source

Checklist Specification & List Of Vendors Must Be Attached

Signed *Chief Donati*
Department Head

Have Funds Been Reserved REAN. 17730

Date 2/19/99 Signed *PR*

Signed *PR*
Town Administrator

<u>Bids Submitted</u>	
<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Globe Firefighters Suits	\$61,948.00

Signed _____
Purchasing Specialist

Town Administrator's Recommendation

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Cost</u>
<u>GLOBE FIREFIGHTERS SUITS</u>	<u>\$61,948.00</u>

Signed *PR*
Town Administrator

**MEMORANDUM**

DATE: JULY 8, 1998

TO: WALTER PRYOR, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, PURCHASING DIVISION

THRU: A.B. DEMATTEO, PURCHASING AGENT III, PURCHASING DIVISION *10/7/9*

FROM: JOHN KUNZMAN, PURCHASING AGENT II, PURCHASING DIVISION *2/12*

RE: BID #QR #J8FR1024/FIRE FIGHTER BUNKER GEAR
OPENED: 7/7/98

THE FIRE RESCUE DIVISION AND THE PURCHASING AGENT RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING:

1. **AWARD:** OPEN-END CONTRACT TO SOLE SOURCE GLOBE FIREFIGHTERS SUITS, FOR FIRE FIGHTER BUNKER GEAR (QUOTATION REQUEST #J8FR1024) IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$85,135.00 FOR THE FIRE RESCUE DIVISION AND TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING DIRECTOR TO RENEW THE CONTRACT FOR A ONE [1] YEAR PERIOD. THE INITIAL CONTRACT PERIOD SHALL START ON JULY 14, 1998 AND SHALL TERMINATE ON JULY 13, 1999.

2. **REJECT:** N/A

3. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS PROCUREMENT:** GLOBE FIREFIGHTERS SUITS WAS STANDARDIZED AS SOLE SOURCE FOR FIRE FIGHTER BUNKER GEAR BY THE BROWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, JUNE 16, 1998, ITEM #17.

GLOBE FIREFIGHTERS SUITS, THE STANDARDIZED SOLE SOURCE VENDOR, QUOTED GSA PRICING TO BROWARD COUNTY. WITHIN THEIR PROPOSAL IS AN ESCALATION CLAUSE, ALLOWING FOR A PRICE INCREASE TO BROWARD COUNTY, BASED UPON THE PENDING NEGOTIATED INCREASE TO GSA (GS-97F-8299B) PRICING. ALTHOUGH SAID INCREASE IS PRESENTLY IN NEGOTIATION, GLOBE FIREFIGHTERS SUITS WILL GUARANTEE QUOTATION J8FR1024 PRICING THROUGH THE END OF 1998. THEY WILL THEN SUBMIT DOCUMENTATION SUBSTANTIATING THE INCREASE WHICH WILL BE PASSED ON TO BROWARD COUNTY. THE INCREASE WILL BE NO GREATER THAN THAT OFFERED GSA. THE RENEWAL PERIOD WOULD BE SUBJECT TO THE SAME ESCALATION.

THE PRICES QUOTED BY GLOBE FIREFIGHTERS SUITS ARE ESTIMATED TO BE 6% LOWER THAN THOSE QUOTED LEE & COLLIER COUNTIES, AND ARE IDENTICAL TO THE PRICES CONTAINED IN GSA CONTRACT #GS-07F-8269B. THEREFORE, THE PRICES QUOTED BY GLOBE FIREFIGHTERS SUITS ARE DEEMED TO BE "FAIR AND REASONABLE".

4. **ATTACHMENTS TO MEMO:**
A. FILE #J8FR1024

APPROVAL AUTHORITY

APPROVED ☒

DISAPPROVED ☐

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MEETING DATE

6/16/98

AGENDA REPORT

To

The Broward County Board of County Commissioners

AGENDA ITEM

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Requested Action

MOTION TO APPROVE Sole Brand/Sole Source standardization for future purchases of fire fighter bunker gear from Globe Firefighters Suits.

Summary Explanation and Background

THE PURCHASING DIVISION AND THE FIRE RESCUE DIVISION RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE ABOVE MOTION.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The annual expenditure for bunker gear from Globe Firefighters Suits is estimated to be \$85,067.00.

Recommended By:

Department Director's Signature

Date

Source of Additional Information:

Division Director's Signature

Phone

Exhibits Attached for Board

1. Purchasing Agent Report dated June 1, 1998.

Documents for Minutes only

**BROWARD COUNTY PURCHASING DIVISION
PURCHASING AGENT'S REPORT****M**EMO FOR THE RECORD

DATE: JUNE 1, 1998
TO: GLENN R. CUMMINGS, DIRECTOR, PURCHASING DIVISION
THRU: A. B. DEMATTEO, PURCHASING AGENT III, PURCHASING DIVISION
FROM: JOHN KUNZMAN, PURCHASING AGENT II, PURCHASING DIVISION
SUBJECT: SOLE BRAND/SOLE SOURCE STANDARDIZATION
REFERENCE: RX #7FR00001024 DATE: MARCH 5, 1998 \$ VALUE: \$85,067.00
 USING DIVISION: FIRE RESCUE
 DESCRIPTION: FIREFIGHTERS PROTECTIVE CLOTHING
 REASON FOR DESIGNATION: N/A
ACTION: NUMBER OF VENDORS SOLICITED: N/A
 NUMBER OF BIDS RECEIVED: N/A

AGENT ANALYSIS:

BROWARD COUNTY PRESENTLY HAS APPROXIMATELY 380 FIREFIGHTING PERSONNEL WITH THE FIRE RESCUE DIVISION. IT IS IMPERATIVE TO SUPPLY OUR FIRE FIGHTING PERSONNEL WITH PROTECTIVE CLOTHING THAT WILL KEEP THEM SAFE FROM THE HAZARDS OF THEIR JOB. TO THAT END, THE FIRE RESCUE DIVISION HAS SPECIFIED AN EXTREMELY HIGH LEVEL QUALITY OF BUNKER GEAR TO BE PROCURED. PREVIOUS BID SPECIFICATIONS HAVE REQUIRED CERTAIN AREAS TO BE DOUBLE STITCHED AND SOME AREAS WERE TO HAVE FOUR ROWS OF STITCHING. HEAVY WEAR AREAS SUCH AS TROUSERS WERE REQUIRED TO CONSIST OF THREE (3) LAYERS OF MATERIAL. THE FIRE RESCUE DIVISION SPECIFIED THAT 8-10 STITCHES PER INCH WERE TO BE USED IN PIECING THE GARMENTS TOGETHER. CONSISTENTLY, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF GLOBE FIREFIGHTERS SUITS, BIDDERS WERE UNWILLING TO COMPLY WITH STATED SPECIFICATIONS. SAMPLES SUPPLIED BY THE OTHER KNOWN MANUFACTURERS WERE POORLY STITCHED TOGETHER; THEY DID NOT ADHERE TO SPECIFICATIONS REGARDING STITCHING NOR REINFORCED (MULTIPLE) LAYERS OF MATERIAL. THE AFOREMENTIONED HAVE A DIRECT EFFECT ON DURABILITY, COMFORT AND FATIGUE; IE. ADDITIONAL FABRIC PANELS TO ACCOMMODATE ARM MOVEMENT ALLOWS FOR GREATER MOBILITY WHEN FIGHTING A FIRE AND MORE COMFORT WHEN USING SCBA GEAR.

REVIEW OF THE OTHER KNOWN BRANDS OF BUNKER GEAR HAS RESULTED IN THE BELIEF ON THE PART OF THE FIRE RESCUE DIVISION, THAT GLOBE FIREFIGHTER SUITS, DUE TO THEIR DESIGN, ARE THE SAFEST SUITS ON THE MARKET. BETTER CONSTRUCTION, MORE REINFORCED MATERIAL, ENSURES THAT UNDER LIFE ENDANGERING SITUATIONS, THE SUIT WILL NOT FAIL. THE UNIQUE DESIGN OF THE GLOBE BUNKER PANTS AND COAT COMBINATION WITH THE HIGH BACK PANTS ADD FURTHER THERMAL PROTECTION IN THE LOWER BACK REGION WHEN THE FIREFIGHTER IS WORKING IN THE SQUATTING OR CRAWLING POSITION.

FOR THE ABOVE REASONS, IT IS RECOMMENDED TO STANDARDIZE AS SOLE BRAND/SOLE SOURCE, BUNKER GEAR FROM GLOBE FIREFIGHTERS SUITS AS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF BROWARD COUNTY.

ATTACHED ARE LETTERS FROM THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, COOPER CITY AND THE CITY OF SUNRISE FIRE-RESCUE DEPARTMENTS, EACH EXPRESSING THEIR BELIEF THAT THE BUNKER GEAR MANUFACTURED BY GLOBE FIREFIGHTERS SUITS IS THE MOST COST EFFECTIVE AND SAFETY PROTECTIVE PRODUCT AVAILABLE.

RECOMMENDATION: ☒ APPROVE

REASON(s):

IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF BROWARD COUNTY TO PROCURE FIREFIGHTERS PROTECTIVE CLOTHING ON A SOLE BRAND/SOLE SOURCE BASIS FROM GLOBE FIREFIGHTERS SUITS FOR THE REASONS CITED ABOVE.

ATTACHMENTS:

USER MEMO OF MAY 28, 1998
LETTER FROM FIRE CHIEF LELLO, COOPER CITY - DECEMBER 1, 1997
LETTER FROM BATTALION CHIEF SIEVERS, LAUDERHILL - DECEMBER 2, 1997
LETTER FROM FIRE CHIEF MOELLER, SUNRISE - MARCH 9, 1998

PREPARED BY: John A. Kunzman

JOHN A. KUNZMAN, PURCHASING AGENT II

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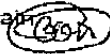


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MEMORANDUM

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To: John Kunzman, Purchasing Agent II
Purchasing Division

From: Gregory Holness, Captain 
Fire Rescue Division

Subject: Standardization
Structural Firefighting Suits, Globe

Date: May 28, 1998

The Fire Rescue Division is requesting the standardization of Globe Manufacturing for Firefighting Protective clothing for Fire and Rescue Personnel. In 1993 a competitive bid was undertaken. An award was made to Globe after an exhaustive evaluation of all the responding bidders. All the bids rejections were based upon the various manufacturers unwillingness to comply with stated specifications and our attempt to procure a safe, durable, quality garment. Consistently all bids offered single additional layer of material where the specifications called for two additional layers. The sample garments received were poorly stitched together. Where the specifications called for double stitching, the bidders offered single. Where the bid called for four rows of stitching the bidders offered 2. In the past protective clothing was seldom cleaned, the more soot the better the Firefighter liked it. Today Firefighters are better educated and understand that cleaning and decontamination of protective clothing are major concerns. We have obtained special washing machines/extractors for the purpose of cleaning and decontamination of protective clothing. It is imperative that the bunker gear be sewn with multiple rows and more stitches per inch to withstand repeated cleaning.

Globe Manufacturing has always been an industry leader of the production of protective clothing as evidenced by their ISO 9001 rating. Only one other manufacturer has such a rating. That company was not acceptable to Broward County because of their manufacturing standard of 6-8 stitches per inch. Globe uses 8 to 10 stitches per inch as a standard, while the other manufactures standard is 6 to 8. As noted above, more stitches per inch are required because of the need for repeated washings.

The only industry changes that have occurred in the last five years relate to the liner. They are now more impervious due to new chemical coatings which in fact, are available to all manufacturers.

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The suitability issues are still the same; durability, comfort and fatigue. Stitches per inch, numbers of rows of stitches, reinforced cuffs and hems are the durability issues. Additional panels to garment to accommodate arm movement is a major mobility issue and the ability to wear the SCBA comfortably is a requirement to minimize fatigue.

In addition to the above, the Division has found that the Globe™ gear is safer because of the standard reinforced layers of material providing more thermal protection. The high quality of seam construction assures that the integrity of the suit is not compromised during repetitive washing and usage. This quality ensures that under critical life saving conditions, the gear does not fail, further endangering the life of the firefighter. The high-back trouser design further adds to the safety of the garment by allowing the firefighter additional thermal protection where most needed, in the lower back region. This is as a result of the time spent by the firefighter performing firefighting duties from the squatting and crawling position.

All these factors make it in the best interest of Broward County Fire Rescue to request standardization for Globe Manufacturing for Structural Fire Fighting Gear.